

Students Have Role in Crime Prevention

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Council Takes Renewal Issue Off City Ballot

Girl Drowns

Victim Found In Tub

Lying face down in a bathtub full of laundry water, the body of a 3-year-old Torrance girl was discovered Monday morning by her mother, brother, and sister.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital at 9:13 a.m. was tiny Connie Bisle of 23536 Anza Ave. Doctors' preliminary opinion was that the child accidentally drowned.

Connie was the daughter of German immigrants Eckhard and Linda Bisle. Mrs. Bisle, who speaks little English, told police that she had sent the child upstairs to get dressed at about 8:30 a.m.

Later, she called to Connie but got no response. When Mrs. Bisle and her two older children began searching the house, they found the child in the tub. Mrs. Bisle had left some laundry to soak in the tub overnight.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation failed to revive the child.

Thief Gets Fur Coat

A fur coat valued at more than \$1,500 was among the articles stolen Sunday night from a locked station wagon. Reporting the loss was Joseph A. Bena Jr., of 4226 W. 238th St., who said thieves also got away with binoculars, a camera, and a picnic set.

Total value of the take was estimated at \$1,790.



IN CONFERENCE . . . City Manager Edward J. Ferraro (far right) discusses the agenda for last night's city council meeting with three students who filled the roles of city officials during the annual Junior Citizens' Day yesterday. Pictured with Ferraro are (from left) Lynn Curtis, a South High senior who took the place of Councilman David Lyman; Mike Belzer, a Torrance High student who substituted for Ferraro; and Ken Roberts, a Torrance High student who took the place of Councilman J. A. Beasley. (Press-Herald Photo)

Police Chief Says Students Can Help

Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin told Torrance high school students Tuesday that juvenile crime is on the rise, but that student leaders can do their part in stemming lawlessness.

Addressing the 11th annual Junior Citizens Day banquet yesterday, Chief Reddin noted that 15-year-olds now commit more crimes than any other age group.

Young people with high standards, however, can make their influence felt, he said, by respecting authority and refusing to participate in unlawful group activities.

"What group has the most influence on your behavior?" Reddin asked. Church, school, and other authorities have their impact, he said, but it is the peer group that carries the most influence.

"THE CHIEF called for a 'hard line' against criminals, warning the public the 'silent middle' who are 'tired of being pushed around by crooks and kooks.'

Reddin also said that police training now stresses sociology and psychology as a result of "law enforcement problems."

"The problem the police face is this: how can we get it to the courts if we can't seize it?" Reddin said.

The chief predicted that a great deal of federal money would be spent on urban crime clean-up in future years, noting that there is currently a bill before Congress concerning the street crime problem.

Reddin said that the police are charged with the duty of bringing the aims of law enforcement to the public in "positive terms." He added that he had noticed a marked increase in public support for

the police during the past nine months.

STUDENT LEADERS participating in the Junior Citizens Day adjourned to workshop sessions following the luncheon. Here, they discussed several hypothetical issues which were then presented at the City Council meeting.

Each City Councilman and city official was assigned a junior counterpart, who sat with him at the meeting. Junior Mayor Steve Bunch presided during the discussions and then called for a vote of junior council members.

One of the students' "hypothetical situations" involved a question similar to one actually discussed at a recent Council meeting. The junior council was asked to vote on whether or not they would permit a Vietnam protest parade to be staged on Haw-

thorne boulevards were approved by the City Council last night.

The multi-million dollar complex, being developed by Tormed, also adjoins the Torrance Municipal Airport.

In approving a precise plan for the development of the complex, councilmen deleted an earlier provision which would have required the developers to wait for actual construction to begin on the new hospital.

Groundbreaking for the hospital has been scheduled in April. The proposed 250-bed facility is the result of a merger of Torrance Memorial Hospital and Riviera Community Hospital.

Torred plans to construct several buildings on the site which will house offices for physicians and dentists, as well as laboratory facilities and related medical services.



STUMPS CITY . . . George C. Wallace, former governor of Alabama, talks with two unidentified Torrance residents during his visit to the city Monday morning. Wallace attended a rally here seeking to register voters in his American Independent Party in order to qualify the party for the California ballot next year. He must register nearly 70,000 voters by Jan. 2, 1968, to win a place on the ballot. (Press-Herald Photo)

Wallace Claims Election Laws Stifle Third Party

By NATALIE HALL Press-Herald Staff Writer

While country-western musicians sang "Pray, Pray, Pray for the USA," Gov. George C. Wallace shook hands with a small gathering of area residents for two hours Monday morning.

The informal rally at the Torrance Woman's Club was aimed at working up local enthusiasm for Wallace's American Independent Party.

The former Alabama governor blasted California balloting laws, which he said made it "almost impossible" for a third party to gain ballot status. California law requires that any political party must register at least as many voters as one per cent of those who voted in the last Presidential election in order to stay on the ballot.

THAT MEANS that AIP must register 70,000 voters before Jan. 2. However, Wallace said he was pleased with the progress of the AIP campaign in this state and predicted registration figures would go over the top.

"If we get on the ballot," he emphasized, "it will be the biggest political news of the year. It will cause Republican and Democratic leaders to sit down and think, 'What do they want?'"

Wallace said there is essentially "no difference" between Republican and Democratic leadership.

The former governor, who has not officially announced his presidential candidacy, hammered away at his well-known views. He said that we must "protect our property rights," noting that both the major parties support na-

ging.

WALLACE pointed out that California voters may register now for the American Independent Party and then register in one of the major parties after the Jan. 2 deadline. That way, he said, voters may help his party and still vote in the primaries.

The point of initiating a third party, Wallace said, is

New Vote Removes Measure

A second—and apparently final—blow was delivered last night to a proposal to disband the city's Redevelopment Agency.

Torrance Councilmen voted unanimously to refuse to place the initiative petition on the ballot—at either a special or general election.

The vote followed the issuance last Friday of a preliminary injunction to halt a special election on the issue. Superior Court Judge Ralph Nutter handed down the ruling on grounds that the initiative does not follow state law for dissolving a redevelopment agency.

AT THAT time, however, Judge Nutter gave Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT) 15 days in which to file an answer to his ruling. The injunction would not have become permanent until that deadline had passed or until the courts had ruled on any answer made by ACT.

In voting down the election request, the council rescinded an action of last Oct. 24 when they voted to call a special election on the issue. Mayor Albert Isen said council members had in no way changed their view on the initiative, but had merely reconsidered the legality of the election.

ACT CIRCULATED the petition in an effort to place the issue of urban renewal in Torrance on the ballot and to halt the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project. Funds for that project were frozen by the federal government following the city council's decision to call for the election.

A second petition circulated by ACT — one which would repeal the city's uniform housing code—is unaffected by the legal complications surrounding the redevelopment agency measure. It has been placed on the municipal ballot for next April. Any effort to force a vote on the ACT measure will require new judicial proceedings.

MARK HAYS SELECTED FOR CARRIER HONORS

Mark Hays, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hays of 1620 Juniper St., has been named the Press-Herald Carrier-of-the-Month for November.

"Mark has an abundance of spark and enthusiasm so necessary to any business enterprise," Darrell Westcott, Press-Herald circulation manager, said in announcing the selection. "He shows a sincere interest in gaining and pleasing his Press-Herald subscribers," Westcott added.

A fifth grade student at Fern-Greenwood School, Mark enjoys fossil collecting as his hobby. He has acquired numerous specimens on trips to surrounding desert areas.

His father is the plant superintendent of the U. S. Gypsum Co. Torrance facility and his mother is a registered nurse. Mark has two brothers, Dale, 8, and Todd, 5. The family came to Torrance in 1959 from Montana.



MARK HAYS Carrier of Month

Medical Complex Approved

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SALUTE AID . . . Mayor Albert Isen (left) presents a resolution of the City Council to Pat Moriarty, president of the Red Devil Fireworks Co., for his contribution to the city's annual Armed Forces Day celebration. The firm supplied the fireworks for the annual event. (Press-Herald Photo)

Area Soldiers Killed

Two area soldiers were listed by the Department of Defense Monday as having been killed in Vietnam. They were identified as Cpl. Richard L. Sanders, whose wife, Mrs. Marie A. Sanders, lives at 1219 S. Helberta St., Redondo Beach, and Pvt. Donald M. Krotzer, son of Mrs. Helen Freeman of 829 E. 246th St., Wilmington.

Murder Charge Upheld

Twenty-one-year-old Alfred Tovar, of 1123 E. 23rd St., Los Angeles, has been bound over to Superior Court on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Johnny Rivera, 20, of 2130 Del Amo Blvd., last Nov. 11. Tovar is being held without bail pending his arraignment in Superior Court Dec. 11. He was arrested by Torrance police and charged with the birthday party slaying after he was identified by witnesses attending the party.

Injured Cyclist Dies

Barry Alan Downs, 20, of 3940 W. 171st St., died early yesterday at Harbor General Hospital as a result of injuries sustained Monday when his motorcycle and a car collided in Redondo Beach. Downs died about 6 a.m. yesterday. The driver of the car was identified by police as Ralph C. Royer, 21, of Los Angeles. An investigation into the crash is under way, authorities reported.